17. Ar-Razzaq (The Provider)

"Worry about your nearness to Allah, not about your provision, for He who created the mouth did not forget to create what sustains it."

- Abu Hafs al-Haddad (9th century CE)
Source: Recorded in al-Qushayri's "Risala"

Anyone who blows in all four corners of the house after saying this Beautiful Name of Allah 10 times in each corner before proceeding for Fajr Salaah, Allah will open for him the doors of rizq. Moreover, his family will be safeguarded against poverty and sicknesses. (Begin from the right hand corner while facing the Qiblah.) - Al Hisnul Hasin

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The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

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AR-RAZZAAQ ﷻ (THE PROVIDERﷻ)

Literally, rizq refers to that by which some form of benefit is acquired. Dawood ﷺ recited the following in one of his supplications:

يَا رَازِقَ الْبُغَاثِ فِي عَشِّه

O the Sustainer of the baby crow in its nest!

When the egg of the crow breaks open, and the baby emerges, the colour of the baby is white. The mother dislikes the child and flies away, leaving the child. Soon flies and mosquitoes come and sit on the baby crow. These become the sustenance of the baby crow. Eventually, hair starts growing on the baby and the black colour becomes manifest. The mother returns, and seeing the colour, becomes attached to the child and begins nurturing the baby.

Allaamah Khattaabi ﷺ said, "Ar-Razzaaq ﷻ is that being who has taken the responsibility of sustenance and who tends to every soul with that nourishment which will keep it in existence. His ﷻ mercy and sustenance encompasses all of creation. He ﷻ does not single out only some for sustenance (e.g. only to a believer and not to a disbeliever or only to a friend and not to an enemy. Allaah ﷻ sends sustenance to a weak person who has no skill and no means of livelihood as He ﷻ sends to a strong and able person. Allaah ﷻ states:

وَ كَاَيِّنْ مِنْ دَابَّةٍ لَا تَحْمِلُ رِزْقَهَا اللّٰهُ يَرْزُقُهَا وَ اِيَّاكُمْ

How many creatures there are which cannot carry their sustenance. Allaah ﷻ sustains them and you. (Ankaboot)

Ar-Razzaaq ﷻ grants two types of sustenance:

1.) One sustenance is that given to the people of the world by Allaah ﷻ by means of His servants and messengers. This is also of two known types: the one is sustenance of the heart which is knowledge and iman and the other is sustenance provided for their bodies. This is halaal

sustenance and our Rabb is Ar-Razzaaaq ﷻ and kind on those who perform acts of righteousness.

2.) The second type is sending of food into the limbs, into its passages, according to a set measure. This can be from halaal or haraam, both of these are sustenance. Allaah ﷻ is everyone's sustainer in this regard. He ﷻ grants to all without specifying.

While reciting the beautiful names of Allaah ﷻ, an aarif (one who has recognized Allaah ﷻ) said spontaneously,

منذ عرفت خالقى ما شككت فى رزقي

From the time I recognized my creator, I never had doubt and concern over my sustenance.

Allaah ﷻ has taken the responsibility of providing sustenance to man, predators, birds, insects and land and water animals, as He has mentioned,

وَ مَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ فِى الْاَرْضِ اِلَّا عَلى اللهِ رِزْقُهَا وَ يَعْلَمُ مُسْتَقَرَّهَا وَ مُسْتَوْدَعَهَا كُلٌّ فِيْ كِتَابٍ مُبِيْنٍ

And there is no living creature on the surface of the earth except that Allaah ﷻ has taken responsibility for its sustenance. (For sending of sustenance, knowledge is necessary). He knows their permanent and temporary residence." (There, He ﷻ bestows their sustenance to them. And even though everything is in His ﷻ knowledge, together with this,) everything is written in an open book (i.e. Lowhe Mahfooz). (Hud)

We invite 100 people to our house. As a precautionary measure, we prepare for 110 people. Then why, (Allaah forbid!) do we regard the system of Allaah ﷻ so weak! If He ﷻ is able to arrange for the creation of 100,000 new-born babies, can He ﷻ not make arrangements for their food? He ﷻ has created hunger and He ﷻ has created the system of satiating hunger. The child has not yet come out of the womb of the mother, and the blood is already present for the formation of food.

When a child grows bigger, it is granted the habit of crying for his sustenance.

Ar-Razzaaq ﷻ grants milk teeth to this infant, which is temporary. As the child grows, these milk teeth begin to fall off, and are gradually replaced by permanent teeth. The milk teeth number twenty, five on each upper and lower side, right, and left. These teeth remain till the age of six. During this time, a molar is formed all around, bringing the total number to twenty four. Thereafter, the front teeth fall off, and are replaced. As time progresses, the number of teeth total twenty-eight. At the age of 17 or 18, the wisdom teeth emerge, bringing the total number of teeth to thirty-two.

As food enters the stomach, the acid there-in destroys the different types of germs present in the food. This acid is so powerful that it causes effect to all the food consumed, but the stomach remains safe from its effects, since around the stomach lining, there exists a sticky and glutinous layer, which does not allow the acid to cause any effect to the stomach. Within the stomach there are approximately 350 million glands, which expel the special chemical matter.

Ar-Razzaaq ﷻ has created sustenance in the air for the birds, and in the water for the water animals. The camel resides in such places where there is not an abundance of water and vegetation. Allaahﷻ has placed a cache of water and fat in its body, so that at the time of necessity, it can assist it. In fact, every animal's body fat has been created such, that if food is not attained, it can melt and dissolve, transforming into food, thus conserving the meat of the body.